

The Election for Company D.

Under the militia reorganization act of the last legislature the commission of officers expires at the close of three years service. In the case of Company D. the commissions of Capt. Ellis and Lieut. Colley expired last month and an election has been ordered in the following general order:

STATE OF VERMONT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FAIRLEE, MARCH 27, 1901.

Special Order No. 21: Pursuant to the regulations prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief for the government of the Militia of this state, I do hereby order an election to be held to fill the office of Captain and First Lieutenant, in Co. D, First Regiment National Guard, which have become vacant by Section 12 of No. 69, Acts of 1900, and such other vacancies as may occur. Said election will be held at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, in Armory or elsewhere, on or before the sixth day of April 1901, at about 7.30 o'clock afternoon, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The commanding officer of said Company will forthwith cause the proper notice for the same to be served on the members of said Company at least six days previous to the time of said election. Col. C. M. Bonnett, or in his absence any one he may appoint, is hereby authorized to preside at the election above ordered, and will make due returns of the proceedings here.

W. H. GILMORE,
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Saturday evening, April 6, has been selected as the date for the election.

Redemption of Revenue Stamps.

So many business men are now using stamped checks that the plan of the treasury officials to redeem the stamps will be of interest. The war revenue reduction act becomes operative on July 1, 1901, and with a view to giving the public all information on the subject possible at this time, the internal revenue bureau Friday issued the following statement:—

All documentary and proprietary revenue stamps in the hands of purchasers on and after July 1, 1901, will be redeemed by the government under the provisions of the act of May 12, 1900. Such stamps should be presented for redemption by the owners thereof to the collector of internal revenue from whom they were purchased, who will supply the applicant with necessary forms and instructions for the preparation of his claim. It is probable that regulations will be prepared and issued providing for the redemption of imprinted documentary stamps without requiring the destruction of the checks or drafts on which they are imprinted.

The treasury officials estimate that of the classes of stamps for documents, checks, etc., from which the tax was entirely removed, the redemptions may aggregate \$1,500,000, and possibly a little less. This estimate is based upon the assumption that the public will have on hand on July 1 one month's supply.

A Successful Reader.

Frederick M. Hall, son of Dr. C. B. Hall formerly of St. Johnsbury, has achieved considerable success as a dialect reader and in character sketches during his residence in Massachusetts. A recent issue of the Rockport, Mass., Review, has a very complimentary notice of his work at a recital given by him in that town. His readings were largely from the poems of James Whitcomb Riley. The Review says:

"The poet who brings us near to nature's heart, could have no truer interpretation of his quaint, homely dialect, humor and pathos than was presented to the audience on Monday evening. The characters were realistic and their joys and sorrows found an answering echo in the hearts of those present."

Mr. Hall has chosen the law as a profession, having entered the Boston University Law School last October.

A Home Wedding.

There was a quiet wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Babcock on Railroad street, Saturday evening, when their daughter, Alice A., was united in marriage to Herbert A. Lampher of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. V. Stevens of Lyndonville, there being present only the immediate relatives and a few close friends of the bride and groom. Edward A. McCutcheon acted as best man and Miss Emma A. Babcock, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Lampher left on the evening train north for a short bridal trip after which they will reside in St. Johnsbury.

Those from out of town who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Astel and son Rodney of Monroe and Roscoe D. Ash of Lisbon.

For Careful Investors.

Many men to whom oil is mentioned as an investment, act as if they were being approached by a highway robber. They do not stop to realize that, in the proper field and under proper management, oil development presents a less expense, a surer and safer proposition and a much more profitable one than any other form of mining.

Oil does not lay in small veins like gold, it lies in great strata like the quartz that holds the gold. In many fields, Nature has marked the presence of oil so clearly that there can be absolutely no question as to its presence, the only question to be asked is: "Has the company the funds necessary for boring a well?" The next statement is: "If they have, the possibility lies before them of multiplying their first investment 50 times easily." Such companies are the Medina and California Fortune. They have producing wells all about them. In dozens of places there are the outcroppings that tell unmistakably of the presence of petroleum. The Management of the companies have shown their ability by results. The treasury of these corporations is well supplied with coin, and the drillers are putting down wells that will, without doubt, be among the Sun-set's best producers. (Western Oil News, San Francisco, March 15).

Church Notes.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Pickells, who has been minister in charge at St. Andrew's church for a little over a year, announced to the congregation Sunday that he had accepted a call to remain as rector the coming year. Since coming here he has done very effective work in the parish and the church is fortunate in retaining him.

The services in the Salvation Army next Sunday will be conducted by Capt. Richmond and Yake, the officers who succeed Capt. Owen in charge of the local corps. Capt. Owen wishes to thank the people of St. Johnsbury for their unlimited kindness during the short time he has been privileged to stay. Don't forget that the welcome meeting to the new officers will be Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

At the Free Baptist church the pastor's subject next Sunday morning will be, "Not by Might nor by Power." It is expected that the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service.

The social and supper given by the Home Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church Thursday was a very pleasant affair. Thomas Sinclair, of White River Junction, who is introducing Mayflower coffee in this vicinity, kindly furnished it for this occasion. The reading of letters to have been given by Mrs. H. N. Turner was postponed until a later date.

Seventh Day Adventist meetings at Burnham Hall, Main St., have been arranged as follows: Sabbath school, Saturday p. m. 2.30; preaching, Saturday p. m. 3.30; preaching, Sunday p. m. 3; preaching, Sunday evening, 7. Subject, "Signs of His Coming." Service Tuesday evening, 7.30; Service Friday evening, 7.30. All are welcome.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows block. Sunday morning service at 10.45. Subject, "Unreality." Sunday school following the morning service. Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. The reading room is open Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 5.

The subject of discourse at the First Baptist church Sunday morning will be "The Crucifixion of Christ," and in the evening, "The King's Gift."

The subject of the sermon at Grace Methodist church Sunday morning will be "The King Entering Jerusalem," and in the evening "Cutting cross-lots to Success."

Fred W. Atkinson of Tufts college will officiate in the Church of the Messiah next Sunday.

The topic of the evening sermon at the North Church next Sunday will be "The Place of Duty."

Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks occupied his pulpit last Sunday after an absence of several weeks on account of illness.

Rev. Mr. Chapman has arranged for two Lenten services next week. On Wednesday evening there will be a sermon by Rev. G. A. Atkins of Burlington and on Thursday evening there will be a communion service.

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace Methodist church will hold an important meeting in the church parlors Thursday afternoon.

A Fortieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Walker of Pasadena celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on March 13 and their old friends gave them a surprise party. Besides former residents of St. Johnsbury and Caledonia county the St. Johnsbury party temporarily residing in the city were among the callers. Their many friends here extend hearty congratulations and will be interested in the account of the affair as given by the Pasadena Star:

"Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Walker of South Madison avenue were yesterday married forty years and last evening a few neighbors entered their home unannounced to assist them in celebrating the happy and notable event. The guests carried with them not only congratulations and good wishes, but a number of beautiful presents, several dozen of spicy pink and white carnations, which they distributed about in vases and baskets and quantities of ice cream and cake, which was served in the dining room, the table being tastefully ornamented with sprays of smilax and long stemmed carnations. The center piece was an elaborately ornamented wedding cake wreathed in smilax. The evening was passed in social intercourse and exchange of congratulations."

Those who so happily surprised Mr. and Mrs. Walker were: Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. House of Irasburgh, Vt., Mmes. Beaman, Smith, Pierce, Mrs. C. L. Goodell of Boston, Mrs. C. M. Stone and Mrs. J. W. Warden of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Misses Stone, Warden, Dimmit and Gleason."

One of our Musicians.

The following pleasant words about one of our musicians appeared in a Nashua, N. H., paper of recent date concerning an entertainment in the nature of a lecture musical recital. Five of the great master musicians were taken up, a picture of their life and work sketched, and selections from their works given by Alfred H. Brooks, organist of the church. "In this Mr. Brooks proved himself very apt, playing with a skill and technique to be rarely equaled, and to say that the evening was very enjoyable to the many music lovers that were present is to say the very least that might be said."

The work of Beethoven was the first that was taken up. Mr. Brooks took the Adagio Cantabile, a selection from the sonata, and rendered it with a graceful precision. Schumann was the next master taken. He was discussed in much the same way, and the selection from his work given was entitled Nocturne.

Shubert was third, and the Impromptu selected as an expression of his work was rendered in a very artistic manner. Mendelssohn came next and the selections were Prelude in E Minor and Andante from Violin Concerto.

The last composer was Chopin and of his work the Nocturne in G was rendered.

A Curious Cabbage.

At C. F. Gibbs' greenhouses there is a curious freak of nature in the shape of a cabbage growing out of a solid brick wall. The plant is about two years old, and has a stalk nearly 15 inches long and quite a head has formed. The plant is rooted in the mortar between the bricks, it is a long way from any soil and the only explanation of its sturdy growth and healthy condition, is the moisture that gathers in the mortar about its roots. It is decidedly a curiosity and because it persists in living and thriving while drawing its life from so meagre a source, it is attracting a good deal of attention.

Mr. Gibbs' extensive establishment was never in better shape than now. He has displays of several flowers that are exceptionally good. In the longest house and extending nearly the entire length of it there is a display of creeping roses of several varieties that are particularly beautiful and it gives promise of being even more beautiful in the near future.

East St. Johnsbury.

H. F. Griswold has been making quite extensive improvements on his house.

Mrs. Ella Hollis has moved into a tenement in John Nolan's house. She will board and care for her aged uncle, Lyle Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Russell have moved to Greenfield, Mass.

Miss Carrie Griswold of the Vergennes high school is spending the spring vacation at her home.

Mrs. G. I. Copp is quite ill with gastric troubles.

The Ladies' Society will take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Griswold Thursday. The gentlemen are invited.

Railroad to the Asbestos Mines.

If the asbestos mines in Eden are successfully developed, and every indication points this, one of the first things that will be necessary in connection with operating the mines will be railroad connections. The owners of the mines have recently been considering the construction of a road to connect with the St. J. and L. C. road near Morrisville. The matter was talked over somewhat with some of the road officials and last week E. H. Blossom went to Morrisville and looked over the proposed route. Mr. Blossom says that the road would be about 15 miles long and there are few obstacles to overcome. The Lake road will doubtless be asked to contribute to the construction of the branch line. The St. J. and L. C. furnished old steel for the Hardwick and Woodbury road and that branch is now furnishing the main line with three times as much freight as was anticipated at the time the construction of that road was under discussion. If branch lines continue to be constructed it may be that it will prove the salvation of the St. J. and L. C. road. Something of the value placed upon the asbestos deposits of Eden by their owners, may be judged from a recent statement of the treasurer of the company, that an offer of \$750,000 had been refused.

The Peacham Dog Case Again.

Judge Stafford had a hearing Monday in the case of Albert Peak vs. Robert Haskill, both of Peacham. The latter has been in jail for the past six weeks in default of payment of damages awarded the plaintiff in the dog shooting case last fall. Mr. Haskill's attorney, R. J. Trainor, brought a petition to vacate the certificate under which Haskill is now confined and the petition was granted. Mr. Haskill proposes to take the poor debtor's oath and a hearing will be held before the jail commissioners on April 3 to see if this can be done. Mr. Peak was represented by J. P. Lamson of Cabot.

The Passing of Maine's Pine Trees.

Such are the changes wrought by time that Maine's familiar title of "The Pine Tree State" has ceased to be appropriate, for it is a generation now since the pine tree was prominent in the great lumber industry, and, except in far northern regions, it is not even a conspicuous ornament in the rugged landscape. The lumbermen of old were wasteful of the riches of the forest, and their careless prodigality scattered the great, soft, white pine in millions of feet to the far corners of the earth, no thought being taken of the day when the typical tree of Maine would practically disappear from the lands bordering the important waters, like the Penobscot, the Kennebec and the expansive lakes which feed those rivers. Old men recall with regret the waste of the pine, and even men of middle age can remember the days when it was easy for a boy in a punt to pick up enough of the splendid hewn and sawed pine timber, floating adrift in the harbor of Bangor, in one season to build a good-sized cottage. When a raft went adrift no great effort was made to recover it—time and labor were worth more than pine timber, and when the stevedores who loaded the splendid, clear boards upon vessels for the West Indies and Europe came to the bottom of a raft and found it muddy, they simply cast it adrift, and the "wreckers" got it. Today it is a poor piece of timber of any kind that is allowed to go adrift, and seldom or never is a bit of pine seen floating down the river. The best pine, in fact, never gets into the water after being sawed, but is carefully seasoned, and then shipped by rail, so valuable has it become. Economy now rules everywhere—they have locked the door after the horse has been stolen. It was in the years from 1868 to 1874 that the pine last saw its importance as a factor in the great lumber commerce of Bangor, and as early as 1861 it was overtaken and distanced by the spruce. Ever since then the proportion of pine in the timber cut has been dwindling and that of the spruce tree has been more and more increasing. Fifty years ago the Penobscot river lumbermen cut annually about 150,000,000 feet of pine and about 50,000,000 feet of spruce. In recent years the cut of spruce has been from 100,000,000 to 125,000,000 feet, and that of pine from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY.

FOREIGN.—The arbitration of Count von Waldsee was refused by the Russian commander at Tien-Tsin, but it is not thought there that the difference will lead to bloodshed, there being no confirmation of the reported outbreak of violence.—The situation in China was thought to be forcibly represented by a cartoon in "Punch," representing a Russian at home in an Oriental boudoir with John Bull and Germany looking over the palings and inquiring what he was doing in there.—Many persons were reported to be awaiting the arrival of Andrew Carnegie at Southampton, hoping to benefit from his generosity.

UNITED STATES.—Admiral William T. Sampson this morning received from Washington a certified check for \$8,335 from the Treasury Department as his share of the award for the capture of the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

THURSDAY.

FOREIGN.—Lord Lansdowne announced in Parliament that by agreement between the British and Russian governments the danger of bloodshed at Tien-Tsin had been averted by each side agreeing to withdraw the troops from the disputed territory, leaving the merits of the controversy to be settled by the two governments.—Charles P. Clark, the well known New England railroad man, died in New Haven, Conn., last night as a result of the collision of the steamers Chemnitz and Tay in Flushing roadstead.—Fifteen lives were lost in floods in Italy.—Philip Botha, brother of the Boer commander-in-chief, was killed in battle in South Africa.—A large number of rebel officers and men were captured by American troops in Cavite Province, Luzon.

UNITED STATES.—The report that ex-Senator Wolcott was to succeed Mr. Hitchcock as Secretary of the Interior was denied in Washington; the president has not yet selected a successor to Attorney-General Griggs.

FRIDAY.

FOREIGN.—The parliamentary papers giving details of the negotiations between Generals Kitchener and Botha were issued in London, showing that the terms of peace proffered by Lord Kitchener were rejected after being modified by Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner; military operations in the Orange River Colony have resulted in the capture of a large number of Boers and great quantities of supplies.—It was reported in Shanghai that the Russo-Chinese treaty relative to Manchuria would be signed on March 26, with not a single word changed; the foreign office in London holds pessimistic views regarding the situation in the Far East.—The only son of Ignace Paderewski, the pianist, is dead.—The strike at Marseilles continues to spread, and the disorders are kept up; the streets of the city are patrolled by cavalry.—Gov. Allen expects to leave Porto Rico in a fortnight for Washington to confer with President McKinley.—A great plot against the czar's life is said to exist in Russia, with ramifications throughout the empire.—The cruiser New York arrived at Gibraltar, whence she will go to Tangier to back up the demand of Minister Gummere on the Moroccan government for an apology.

UNITED STATES.—Charges were made in Washington that General Bullington, Chief of Ordnance of the army, had permitted the Driggs-Sabury company to manufacture guns and ammunition for Colombia at the Frankford arsenal; the statement was denied by the president of the company.—Republican leaders, aroused by the Maryland disfranchisement law, are preparing a plan to cut down the representation in congress of states which put restrictions on the ballot.

SATURDAY.

FOREIGN.—Mr. Chamberlain announced to the House of Commons that General Botha had rejected the terms of peace offered to him by Lord Kitchener, and that the other Boer leaders joined with him.—Germany, according to Chancellor von Bulow, wants compensation from China for the killing of Baron Von Ketteler.—The first sailing steamer returned to Newfoundland and reported a great catch for all the vessels.

UNITED STATES.—President McKinley returned to Washington from his trip to attend the funeral of ex-President Harrison.—The first steps were taken in a scheme to provide a park system costing many millions of dollars for Washington.—Tammany Hall sought to make political profit out of Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$5,200,000 to New York, through a bill introduced at Albany to create a commission of city officials to purchase sites for the park.—The will of ex-President Harrison was admitted to probate; it disposes of about \$200,000 in specific bequests, to relatives largely.

SUNDAY.

FOREIGN.—More insurgents have surrendered to American officers in the province of Cavite, Luzon; Protestantism is reported to be spreading in the islands.—The labor situation at Marseilles is calming down; street cars have resumed service without molestation.—German troops have ousted Chinese imperial troops from the passes on the Shan See frontier; a Japanese squadron left Nagasaki on Saturday for Corea, where, owing to Russian demands McLeavy Brown, the Director-General of Corea Customs, has been dismissed, in spite of the protest of Great Britain.—A plot against the life of the czar has been discovered.—Baron Schott von Schottenstein, the Wurtemberg Premier, committed suicide at Ulm.

UNITED STATES.—A meeting of those interested in formulating a canal policy for the state of New York will be held at Syracuse this week.—Mrs. Nation started for Cincinnati, where she is to deliver half a dozen lectures.—Several Union Pacific trains were stalled by snowdrifts in Nebraska, where a blizzard was raging.—A satisfied mortgage for \$100,000 was burned in St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal church, New York.

MONDAY.

FOREIGN.—Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, said that a telegram from Lord Kitchener stated that General Botha had refused a strong objection to negotiations; there has been a renewal of guerrilla warfare in the Transvaal.—Reports from Cuba continue to note a change from the radical stand at first manifested against the Platt amendment.—General Funston, with a few officers and a company of scouts, is engaged in a daring attempt to capture Aguinaldo, who is supposed to be in hiding in Isabella Province, Luzon.

UNITED STATES.—Attorney-General Griggs tendered his resignation to the president, to take effect on March 31.—The new Pacific Mail steamship Korea was launched at Newport News; she has

a displacement of 18,600 tons, the largest of any vessel ever launched in this country.—A corporation with a capital of \$25,000,000 to supply electric power, has been formed in Montreal.

The Great Australian Empire.

The reign of Queen Victoria rounded out the first great era of modern and civilized Australia. The settlements, of course, had begun earlier; but they amounted to very little at the time when Victoria came to the throne, and they were confined to New South Wales colony. The colony of Victoria, named for the queen herself, and now for many years past the close rival of New South Wales in population and commercial prosperity, received its very first settler only a year or two before the queen's accession; and at the beginning of 1837, the year in which Victoria came to the throne, there were scarcely three hundred white people in the great expanse of territory which bears her name. A new census is to be taken next month, and it will probably show that Victoria has nearly a million and a half white people. Queensland had received a few convicts, but was not thrown open to free settlement until five years after the queen's accession. It also bears a name that will help to perpetuate her memory.

Australia has more than 5,000,000 people, the vast majority of whom are descended from emigrants who went out from the British Islands during Queen Victoria's reign. No other portion of the English-speaking world, perhaps, is so free from foreign admixture as the population of Australia. The great island is a continent of about 3,000,000 square miles. It is destined to grow into a position of immense influence and power in the present century.—[From "Scenes of Country and Town in Australia," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March.

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